

AROUND THE CITY

Mrs. Jack Improving. Mrs. Andrew Jack was reported to be progressing favorably at the hospital last evening.

Fertilizer Plant. A 10,000 ton fertilizer plant is being completed by United States interests at St. Stephens.

Progressing Favorably. Inquiries at the hospital this evening elicited the fact that E. S. Hennigar is progressing favorably.

Proposed City League. There will be a hockey meeting this evening at 7 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. for the purpose of forming a city league. All clubs or associations wishing to enter teams in this league are requested to have representatives present.

Hospital Closed. T. B. Williams, immigration inspector, Ottawa, came to the city Saturday and closed the hospital in the old Martello Hotel property, Carleton. In future all those detained temporarily will be treated in the detention hospital at Sand Point.

Curiers' Smoker. There will be a smoking concert in the St. Andrew's Curling Club's quarters this evening. An excellent musical and literary entertainment has been arranged and every member is expected to be present as a most enjoyable time is expected.

Firmen Meet. Last night the annual meeting of No. 1, H. and L. Co. was held in their rooms King street east, and the entire company were present. Capt. George Barker was elected treasurer and William Grant was made secretary. Reports from the different committees were read and accepted.

Lecture This Evening. An Evening with Longfellow, is the subject selected by Mrs. E. A. Smith for her lecture in St. David's school room this evening under the auspices of the Doorkeepers' circle of the King's Daughters. Besides Mrs. Smith's lecture an excellent musical programme will be provided, and a good time is promised all who attend.

To Help Sailors. The Ladies Auxiliary of the Seaman's Mission met yesterday afternoon, and under the able direction of Mrs. Archibald they spent the afternoon making comfort bags, 500 of which are distributed each year among the sailors, between Christmas and New Year's. These bags contain a pair of socks, handkerchiefs, court paper, buttons, thread and needles, and are very useful to the seamen. The Ladies Auxiliary will be very grateful to their friends for any donations given. On Monday the ladies interested will spend the afternoon and evening at the mission engaged in this work.

W. C. T. U. Convention. The county convention of the W. C. T. U. will be held this afternoon in the Seaman's Institute at 3 o'clock. The reports for the past year will be read and officers will be elected for the coming year. The ladies now in office are: president, Mrs. James McAvity. Mrs. McAvity is also president of the Portland W. C. T. U. The other officers are: local union, Mrs. Dearborn, Fairville, Mrs. O. D. Hanson, West End, Mrs. Radulak. The office of vice-president at large is held by Mrs. Gray, who has removed to the west, and that of secretary-treasurer by Miss Lockhart. Mrs. H. Sprague, wife of the Rev. Mr. Sprague, and who is now staying with Mrs. C. H. Dearborn, will speak at the convention.

St. Monica's Society. The Society of St. Monica met last evening in their hall in the C. M. B. A. rooms on Union street. The Society of St. Monica is the latest lady Catholic society and has a prosperous outlook. The Rev. Dr. O'Reilly delivered a very interesting address on the immigrant question. He described the immigrant as coming from all parts of the world and tending toward Western Canada. He also gave a general history of the transmigration of the various people even from the earliest period of history and laid special emphasis on the spiritual and religious needs of so many hundred thousands of people. The lecture was very much enjoyed by those present and many complimentary remarks were heard concerning the ability of the speaker.

Presented With Picture. The regular meeting of No. 1 S. C. and F. P. was held last night in their room, Union street, with Capt. MacRae in the chair. After the regular routine business, Fred T. Dunlop was elected a member of the corps. The matter of the members turning out on New Year's Day to visit the different fire stations was left to a committee to make arrangements. Capt. E. J. MacRae during the evening presented to the corps on behalf of the family of the late Capt. J. Fred Shaw, an enlarged photograph. Capt. MacRae in making the presentation to the corps spoke of the loss in the death of Capt. Shaw and of the excellent duty that he had performed while a member. Capt. MacRae requested that the picture be placed in one of the most prominent places in the room.

St. Joseph's Society Debate. The debating course of the Y.M.S. of St. Joseph was inaugurated last evening in the rooms of the society and the opening was a most auspicious one. The rooms were crowded and interest was keen as the arguments were put forth by both sides. The subject discussed was the advisability of religious societies taking part in athletics. The affirmative of the question was ably sustained by J. P. Lewis, assisted by John Leeger and Geo. Cunningham. The negative was put forth by Fred Fuller assisted by Ed. Moran and W. P. Brophy. The speakers all showed excellent form, their arguments being delivered in a capable manner, and although the debate was the first of the series, the result achieved augurs well for the success of the course. The judges of the debate, H. O. McInerney, J. A. Barry and J. J. Toie, after weighing the arguments pro and con awarded the decision to the negative side led by F. Fuller. An interesting list of subjects has been arranged for the course, and with the success attained last evening as a criterion, the winter season promises to be an entertaining and profitable one to the members.

POSSIBILITIES FOR COMMISSIONERSHIPS

John Thornton Said to be a Likely Candidate While J. B. Jones and A. W. Kierstead Won't Run.

It was stated yesterday on good authority that John Thornton, of the Consumers' Cordage Company, would be a candidate in the next city elections for a commissionership. It is claimed Thornton would make a strong man in the North End. Aid. Kierstead who has generally been regarded as the training for a commissionership, announced yesterday that he had no political ambitions and Aid J. B. Jones who has been looked upon as a possible candidate for the commission, stated at the last meeting of the safety board that he was not looking for votes. Aid. Potts is the only member of the council who has definitely announced his intention of being a candidate for the commission, though it is generally believed quite a number of his colleagues will run if they think they have any chances.

SMITHS STILL WELL IN LEAD OF RIVALS

Browns Make a Poor Second Place with Jones Bringing up the Rear - Latter at Disadvantage.

Considerable anxiety will be removed from those bearing the name of Smith to learn in the City of St. John at least, that historic family still maintains the lead of the Jones and Browns, who have always been regarded as the keenest competitors for the distinction of the most prolific family in Christendom. The city directory contains the names of 229 Smiths, while the Browns make rather a poor second place with 157, and the Jones bring up the rear with only 74 adults.

PLUMBERS HEAR AN ADDRESS ON UNIONISM

An open meeting of the plumbers' union was held last evening at which Organizer Bruce, of Toronto, delivered an interesting address on the benefits of trades unionism. He declared that the dues in their trade organization formed as good an investment as a worker could make, and that if they took an active interest in the affairs of their union it would yield them big returns on their investment. He pointed out that in face of the large immigration to the Dominion, organization was absolutely necessary to maintain a fair standard of wages, and that it was almost wholly due to the action of the trades unions that wages were so high in the west. He pointed out that in many cities where the authorities insisted on a high standard of sanitation, plumbers were required to pass an examination before being permitted to pursue an occupation which had so close a connection with the public health.

Branch C.M.B.A. 492 ELECT OFFICERS

Branch 492, C.M.B.A., held their first annual election of officers last evening in their rooms, when the following were chosen to act for the coming year: President, J. P. Quinn, re-elected; 1st vice-pres., Thomas McCarthy, re-elected; 2nd vice-pres., John E. Hills; sec. sec., Raymond Hanson; fin. sec., Leo Conlogue; treas., Wm. W. E. Shea; marshal, Morris Delaney; trustees, Louis Murphy and Dr. C. M. Kelley. The branch was organized last year and the twelve months have been marked by rapid development. The membership is already a large one, seventy actual members being enrolled, and the next few weeks will see the list further augmented. The society is well organized and has already begun to take up the active programme outlined at its inception. The meeting last evening was largely attended and able addresses were given by the officers and by Grand Deputy R. J. Walsh, recently appointed. The new officers will be installed the second week of January and the members propose holding a smoker on Jan. 23rd.

WANT CONTROL OF THE SOUTH BRANCH

Forest, Fish and Game Association Wish to Throw it Open to Public, with Certain Restrictions.

J. Fraser Gregory presided last evening at the first monthly meeting of the Forest, Fish and Game Association under the new constitution. As the regular date for the next meeting falls on January 1st, it was decided to change the date to the second Monday in January. W. W. Gero, the secretary of the association asked permission to act as secretary of other organizations whose objects were in sympathy with the Forest, Fish and Game Association; the request was unanimously granted. As a delegation representing 2500 petitioners has recently met the government with reference to opening up the south branch of the Grand River and lake to the public for trout fishing, it was practically decided to open up the lake. The association on the suggestion of a few of the members of parliament, decided to secure control of the lake and to appoint a fishery officer to prevent illegal fishing.

The lake will then be thrown open to the public with certain restrictions. It was left to the president, J. Fraser Gregory, to appoint a committee to look after the matter. E. A. Smith said that it would greatly add to the interest in the work of the association if experts were brought here to lecture before the club on forestry, fishery and game. The secretary was instructed to secure if possible, experts in the above mentioned lines to speak before the meetings in the future.

Officers Elected at C.O.L. Meeting

The regular meeting of Johnston L. O. L., No. 24, was held in the Orange Hall, on Cornhill street, last evening when the following officers were elected and installed: Robert Willis, W. M.; Alfred Bentley, D. M.; J. E. Mac, chaplain; M. A. McLeod, R. S.; Wm. Simpson, F. S.; Jas. Holman, treasurer; J. Leelan, lecturer; John Clarke, treasurer; Jan. McLeod, D. M.; John E. Sweeney, John Kenney, E. W. Harrington; House committee, W. Harrington, G. Clarke, J. E. Sweeney. After the installation interesting speeches were made by the officers, and the gathering adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

PERSONAL

Store Closed. Our store will be closed all day Tuesday, Dec. 5th to enable us to mark down all prices for the first genuine clearance sale of the season. Navigation on the St. John river has closed and our time for profit taking is at an end. Our sole object during the next few days will be to reduce our immense stock. Come help us, and save a lot of money. C. B. Pidgeon, Cor. Main and Bridge streets.

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